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SUBJECT: ROK FOREIGN POLICY INITIATIVE: UNCURK

1. FONMIN KIM HELD LUNCHEON JULY 16 FOR UNCURK MEMBERS AS PART OF ROK EFFORT TO ESTABLISH ATMOSPHERE FOR CONSULTATIONS ON UNCURK REPORT. ACCORDING AUSTRALIAN AMBASSADOR BOURCHIER, LUNCHEON WAS LESS THAN A SUCCESS.

2. MAJOR PROBLEM WAS THAI REP CHUTIKUL. CHUTIKUL, WHO IS UNCURK CHAIRMAN FOR THREE MONTHS, BOYCOTTED LUNCH ALLEGEDLY FOR RELIGIOUS REASONS, I.E. IT WAS BUDDHIST HOLIDAY. IN FACT BOURCHIER SAID THAT CHUTIKUL IS REACHING AN ADVANCED STATE OF PARANOIA TOWARDS ROKG AND REFUSED TO ATTEND BECAUSE OF A LONG LIST OF ALLEGED
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SLIGHTS AND MISADVENTURES WHICH HE HAS ATTRIBUTED

TO KOREANS. IN EFFORT TO GET CHUTIKUL TO ATTEND LUNCHEON UNCURK PRINCIPAL SECRETARY OZBUDUN VISITED HIS HOME. CHUTIKUL ACCUSED OZBUDUN OF BEING A ROK AGENT WHO WAS WORKING AGAINST UNCURK. SUBSEQUENTLY, CHUTIKUL HAS THREATENED TO BAR OZBUDUN FROM SCHEDULED JULY 18 UNCURK MEETING AND TO ADJOURN IT WITHOUT ALLOWING ANY ACTION. BOURCHIER IS AWAITING WITH MILD TREPIDATION THE NEXT ROUND OF CONTRETEMPS BY CHUTIKUL.

2. ALTHOUGH NONE OF OTHER UNCURK MEMBERS HAVE MATCHED CHUTIKUL'S HISTRIONICS, BOURCHIER EXTREMELY DISCOURAGED ABOUT ANY CONSTRUCTIVE ACTION BY UNCURK IN THE ABSENCE OF CLEAR UNEQUIVOCAL INSTRUCTIONS FROM HOME GOVERNMENTS. BOURCHIER SAID PHILIPPINE REP IS DOUBTFUL THAT HE WILL RECEIVE ANY INSTRUCTIONS FROM MANILA THAT WOULD AUTHORIZE HIM TO SUPPORT UNCURK RECOMMENDATION REGARDING TERMINATION. TURKISH REP REMAINS ADAMANT IN HIS REFUSAL TO REQUEST INSTRUCTIONS ON GROUNDS THAT HE HAS NO FUNDS TO PAY FOR TELEGRAPHIC TRANSMISSION. EVEN DUTCH CHARGE IS NOW RETREATING TO NON-COMMITTAL POSITION TO EFFECT THAT HIS GOVERNMENT IS STUDYING QUESTION.

3. BOURCHIER REITERATED THAT SUBMISSION OF UNCURK REPORT CAN BE DELAYED UNTIL MID-AUGUST IF NECESSARY. ALSO MOFA IS NOW CONSIDERING DESIRABILITY OF UNCURK HOLDING OFF ANY RECOMMENDATION ON TERMINATION FOR THE PRESENT, THEN SUBMITTING SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT FIRST BEFORE UNGA OPENS. BOURCHIER IS NOT ENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT LATTER APPROACH SINCE HE BELIEVES KOREANS UNREALISTIC ABOUT THAT TACTIC AS A DEVICE TO AVOID TIPPING OUR HANDS TOO SOON. IN BOURCHIER VIEW, NO ONE IS IN ANY DOUBT THAT UNCURK WILL BE WOUND UP AT NEXT UNGA. IN THIS REGARD, BOURCHIER SAID FONMIN KIM REITERATED TO UNCURK COMMITTEE ROKG WILLINGNESS ACCEPT UNCURK TERMINATION.

4. COMMENT: AS DESCRIBED BY BOURCHIER UNCURK "DELIBERATIONS" ARE BECOMING MORE UNREAL WITH EACH WEEK. THAI REP IS CLEARLY UNBALANCED IN HIS PERSONAL HOSTILITY TOWARD ROK. HIS MOST RECENT ACTIONS ARE EXTREME EVEN BY THE STANDARDS OF A COMMISSION WHICH HAS HAD MORE THAN ITS CONFIDENTIAL

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5. AT THIS POINT NEITHER WE, ROKG NOR JAPANESE HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT UNCURK MOVING TOO QUICKLY (STATE 139370). THE PROBLEM IS WHETHER UNCURK WILL BE ABLE TO MOVE AT ALL. WITHOUT CLEAR SIGNALS FROM KOREANS AND OURSELVES THE COMMISSION WILL PROBABLY CONTINUE PRESENT DRAFT WITHOUT BEARINGS OR DIRECTION.

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